

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 6, 9, 10, 16-20, 22, and substitute therefor the following:

6. **(Currently Amended)** A method as claimed in [[any of]] claim[[s]] 2 [[to 5]] wherein said disease is a disease caused by a pathogen from the group of togaviridea, reoviridea, picornaviridea, hantaviridea, orthomyxoviridea, paramyxoviridea, mononegaviralis, viral hepatitis, haemorrhagic fevers, flaviviridea, viral encephalitis, coronaviridea, calfciviridea, adenoviridea, papovaviridea, arboviridea, pox virus, rhabdoviridea, arenaviridea HIV-1, HIV-2, HTLV-I, HTLV-II and herpes viruses.

9. **(Currently Amended)** A method as claimed in claim 7 [[or claim 8]] wherein said interval is at least 9 months.

10. **(Currently Amended)** A method as claimed in [[any of]] claim[[s]] [[7 to 9]] wherein a 4-hydroxy or hydroperoxy-3,5-dioxo-pyrazolidine or an equivalent wherein a pyrazolidine ring attached oxygen is replaced by a sulphur, or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof is administered in a daily dose of 0.1 to 10 $\mu\text{mol/kg}$ bodyweight.

16. **(Currently Amended)** A compound as claimed in claim 14 [[or claim 15]] wherein one X_2 group is S.

17. **(Currently Amended)** A compound as claimed in [[any of]] claim[[s]] 14 [[to 16]] wherein X_1 is O.

18. **(Currently Amended)** A compound as claimed in [[any of]] claim[[s]] 14 [[to 17]] wherein R_1 is acyl.

19 **(Currently Amended)** A compound as claimed in [[any of]] claim[[s]] 14 [[to 18]] wherein R_1 is hydrogen.

20. **(Currently Amended)** A compound as claimed in [[any of]] claim[[s]] 14 [[to 19]] wherein one of Ar_1 and Ar_2 is Ph and the other is 4hydroxyphenyl.

22. **(Currently Amended)** A compound as claimed in [[any of]] claim[[s]] 14 [[to 21]] for use as a medicament.